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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday,

14th August 1937.
30th Karkadagam 1112.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messers. Shabdai S. Koder, E. F. Norman, C. P. Lonappan, M. Sivarama Menon, P. Raman Menon, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, V. K. Aravindaksha Menon and K. Krishna Warriar were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Police officers—St. Thomas College Literary Association Meeting—presence of.

211. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any police officer or officers were present in a Literary Association Meeting in the St. Thomas College, Trichur, on 14th July 1937;

(2) if so, why did they attend the same?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police.*)— (1) No.

(2) No reply is necessary in view of answer to (1).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Will the Government be pleased to tell whether any Police Officer or officer

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attended the Literary Association Meeting in the St. Thomas College on any day other than the 14th July? I want to know whether I have made a mistake as regards the date.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I have no information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Did the Government make any enquiries before they answered this question as to whether any Police Officer attended the Literary Association Meeting?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know what is the sort of enquiry which the Government made?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—All enquiries necessary to elicit the information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Did the Government ask the Inspector of the Town Police Station about this?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes. He was asked.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—And did he not tell you that he along with another constable attended one other meeting of the St. Thomas College in open day-light?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I do not follow that question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is it not a fact that this Inspector of Police with another constable attended a meeting of the St. Thomas College in open day-light in July?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—For one thing, I do not think that the officer should attend literary meetings. There is no objection for his attending a literary association meeting without his uniform.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Probably he has developed literary tastes very recently.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I asked him whether he attended the meeting and he said he did not.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know whether he was present?

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Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—He was asked a specific question whether he and another officer were present at the Literary Association Meeting of the St. Thomas College on the 14th July 1937 and he gave a specific answer 'No'.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Was there any complaint from the Principal of the St. Thomas college about the presence of the Police Officers in all their meetings?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Not at all.

Conference—Police officers—Resolutions—copies of.

212. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a conference of the Police Officers this year; if so, will copies of the resolutions passed at the conference be placed on the Table of the House?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes. It was only a confidential and purely departmental conference and no public purpose will be served by placing a copy of the proceedings on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Do you keep any record of these deliberations?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—We keep the minutes of the Conference.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are these forwarded to the Government or are they only for the information of the Commissioner of Police?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—If there is anything to be communicated to Government it will be communicated to the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—What was the object of the meeting?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—For the more efficient conduct of the department.

Labour Strikes—disputes—settlement of.

213. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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